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HANDLING, PROCESSING AND LINKING DEVICE
INTEGRATED INTO AN OBJECT IDENTIFICATION AND
ATTRIBUTE ACQUISITION SYSTEM
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Honorable Commissioner
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced Patent Application as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 81, amend the fifth paragraph as follows:

Fig. ~~1I22B~~ 1I23B is a schematic representation of a second illustrative embodiment of the system shown in Fig. 1I20, wherein an electro-mechanical mechanism is used to generate a rotating maltese-cross aperture (or other spatial intensity modulation plate) disposed before the pupil of the IFD Subsystem, so that the wavefront of the return PLIB is spatial intensity modulated at the IFD subsystem in accordance with the principles of the present invention;

On Page 84, amend the first and second paragraphs as follows:

Fig. ~~1I25B2~~ 1I25B2 is an elevated side view of the PLIIM-based system of Fig. 1I25B1, showing the optical path traveled by the PLIB produced from one of the PLIMs during object illumination operations, as the PLIB is micro-oscillated in orthogonal dimensions by the 2-D